

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
DEGENERATION

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**CUSTOMER NO. 45488**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows. The amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and the remarks begin on page 5.